

February 1, 2019

Ms. Emma Best
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411A Highland Avenue
Somerville, MA 02144

Dear Ms. Best:

This letter is in response to your U.S. General Services Administration (GSA) Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request (GSA-2018-001392), submitted on July 2, 2018, in which you requested “[c]opies of any proposals, agreements, contracts, memos, emails or other records relating to G4S Secure Solutions and the Old Post Office Building or the Trump Organization..”

Enclosed please find the documents responsive to your request.

In processing your request, GSA withheld confidential /or proprietary financial information pursuant to the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4). The fourth statutory exemption permits an Agency to withhold “matters that are trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person or organization, that are privileged or confidential, if released, would result in competitive harm to the company.”

Additionally, GSA withheld actual signatures, pursuant to the FOIA, 5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6). This was done because public disclosure of this information would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

As we have redacted information referenced in the above paragraphs with the aforementioned FOIA exemptions, this technically constitutes a partial denial of your FOIA request. You have the right to appeal the denial of the information being withheld. You may submit an appeal online at the following link (<https://foiaonline.regulations.gov/foia/action/public/home>) or in writing to the following address:

U.S. General Services Administration
FOIA Requester Service Center (H1F)
1800 F Street, NW, Room 7308
Washington, DC 20405

Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 120 days of the date of the response to your request. In addition, your appeal must contain a brief statement of the reasons why the requested information should be released. Please enclose a copy of your

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Washington, DC 20405
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initial request and this denial. Both the appeal letter and envelope or online appeal submission should be prominently marked, "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

This completes action on your request. Should you have questions, you may contact me at travis.lewis@gsa.gov or contact our GSA FOIA Public Liaison, Audrey Brooks, at (202) 205-5912 or by email at audrey.brooks@gsa.gov for any additional assistance and to discuss any aspect of your FOIA request.

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, email at ogis@nara.gov; telephone at (202) 741-5770; toll free at (877) 684-6448; or facsimile at (202) 741-5769.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures